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(U) The December 3-4 NATO Foreign Ministerial was a success, with the U.S. getting everything it wanted, and then some. The Ministerial Statement and the separate ISAF statement on Afghanistan were reported in reftels. Some of the highlights included:

- Allies strongly endorsed President Obama's approach toward Afghanistan, with 25 countries pledging to do more in terms of troops, trainers, and trust fund monies. Allies and ISAF partners pledged to contribute about 7,000 troops, and several thousand more will likely be forthcoming in the near future. ISAF countries also began a discussion on improving civilian coordination, with an eye to agreeing on new mechanisms by the time of the London Conference.

- Allies embraced the President's Phased, Adaptive Approach to Missile Defense in language that is stronger in places than what we originally proposed. Statements by ministers on missile defense were universally strong and welcoming.

- Allies agreed to provide MAP to Montenegro and reached a compromise on Bosnia that enables Sarajevo to get MAP once it achieves the necessary progress in its reform efforts. Reaching this consensus was difficult, but in the end Turkey and its allies agreed to support the compromise.

- NATO countries and Russia formally restarted the NATO-Russia Council by convening the first formal Ministerial meeting since December 2007. The NRC Ministers agreed to restructure the NRC, launch a joint review of 21st Security Challenges, and a Work Program for 2010.

Because of these successes, the road to the Lisbon Summit next November looks brighter than it did only a few days ago.

